

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Wind River/Bighorn Basin District Cody Field Office 1002 Blackburn Street Cody, Wyoming 82414-8464

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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cody Field Office (CYFO) seeks public input on the use of bait trapping to aid in maintaining the appropriate management level (AML) in the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Area (HMA) located in Park and Big Horn counties, Wyoming.

The BLM proposes to utilize bait trapping to gradually remove excess wild horses through 2015 in order to help maintain a population of approximately 100 adult wild horses within the AML range of 70-140 adult wild horses.

The public scoping process is the initial stage in developing an environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the effects of the bait trap removal and potential use of bait trapping to administer the fertility control drug ZonaStat-H, also known as porcine zona pellucida (PZP).

Reviewers will have 30 days to comment. Comments may be e-mailed no later than close of business on July 30, 2012, to:

 $BLM_WY_McCulloughPeaksHMA@blm.gov$

Comments may also be mailed to Patricia L. Hatle, BLM-CYFO, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, WY 82414 and postmarked no later than July 30, 2012.

Submitted comments are part of the public record and will be available for public review at the CYFO, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, Wyoming during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Stewart Field Manager, Cody

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